

Certification Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 22, 2018
3:00pm – 12:00 pm
Arlington Convention Center – Room 8
1200 Ballpark Way
Arlington, TX 76011

I. Call to order 3:00pm

II. Roll Call

Chairman/Zone 06	Gary Williams
Vice Chair/Zone 03	Frankie Marcinkiewicz
Secretary/Zone 04	R. J. Thomas
Zone 01	Brian Scheffer
Zone 02	Edwin Baker
Zone 05	Ubaldo Perez
Zone 07	Willo Sylestine
Zone 08	Patrick Dooley
Zone 09	Brad Hargrove
Zone 10	Nate Mara
Zone 11	Clay Deatherage
Zone 12	William Tidwell
Zone 13	Jeromy Dawson
Zone 14	Brent Allen
Zone 15	Scott Garris
Zone 18	Andy Dexter
Zone 19	Curtis Brown
TEEX Representative	Cary Roccaforte
Exec Bd Representative	Mike Richardson
Exec Bd Representative	Richard Van Winkle
Non-Voting Staff Liaison	Kevin Creamer

III. Acceptance of Minutes from June Meeting

Motion by Andy Dexter Second by William Tidwell. Passed on voice vote no negatives.

IV. Communications

A. Executive Director/Board

President Harvie Cheshire,
Addressed the Board, recognizing our hard work and offered to assist any us, should we have a problem, here at the convention.

Chris Barron,

Growth Zone has been moving forward. Security settings and system wide access levels are being set. "Users Group" is still working on the testing. All Zone Coordinators should have access today. Still working on some roll out features. Representative are here, during convention, to walk you through the system. Percentages of completion do appear askew in the system and this issue is being corrected. Everyone should go to the how to videos available on the SFFMA web site.

Q Will the individual user be able to upload certificates for the chief and certification coordinator to review? **A** It is our understanding you will have unlimited storage in the system. At some point in time will be available. The feature already exists in the system. Growth Zone will have check if or how it is used in our access.

Phase II will integrate others system like target solutions and other enhancements. Reports can be customized with in your department. Watch the videos some terminology may be different than you expect. Zone coordinators and certification coordinators will be developing videos sometime in the near future.

System will support coordinators with more than one department. It will also support firefighters who are members of more than on e department.

In progress certification objectives will be next to upload into the system. All past certifications are in the data base.

B. SFFMA Staff

Kevin Creamer deferred to Executive Director Chris Barron.

C. TEEX Staff

Chief Moore – Appreciates the opportunity to work with Certification Board and SFFMA. Certification testing is ongoing if we have challenges let Chief Moore know about them. Annual Municipal School preparations are in progress. Feel free to approach Chief Moore and provide feedback.

V. Old Business

A. Review Committees

1. Volunteer Fire Chief – Scott Garris, R.J. Thomas, Ubaldo Perez, Patrick Dooley, Brent Allen, and Billy Tidwell

Awaiting Chief Academy course completion.

2. Testing – Board Chair and Executive Board Liaison. Please provide feedback to Chairman.

3. NFPA/Skills Updates – Brian Scheffer, Mark Wobus, Edwin Baker, and Cary Roccaforte

Brian Scheffler provide committee report. NFPA 1001, 1002 are out this year. Changes are being made now. Expect implementation of change Jan 2019.

NFPA 1006 (Rescue) is in a holding pattern. Some document standardization issues. Most staying with current edition, Level 1, 2, and 3. No provides for rescue training for the new standard, recommend staying with current standard. Hold off on updating SFFMA objectives. NFPA edition numbers should be included on any training certificates.

NFPA 472 not many changes

4. TEEEX Course Breakdowns – Cary Roccaforte, RJ Thomas, and Brent Allen
No Action
5. Continuing Education – Clay Deatherage and Brent Allen
No Action
6. Fire Department Audit –Clay Deatherage, R.J. Thomas, Brad Hargrove
No Activity.
7. Approved Training Providers – Frankie Marcinkiewicz, Edwin Baker, and Scott Garris

Four Companies are being reviewed, two are scheduled to present today.

CFIT.net provides fire investigator training. Training follows NFPA 1033 standards. Funded through Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Program and other federal agencies. No charge to trainees.

8. Skill Examiner Credentials – Andy Dexter, RJ Thomas, and Brad Hargrove

Curriculum approved at last meeting. Next is to create an online training platform. Frame work for course completed. Andy Dexter has the package prepared and will submit for further implementation once the training program has gone live.

B. EMS Instructor Certification Program – Andy Dexter

Final step is getting approval from Texas Department of State Health Services. Positive feedback received from TDSHS.

VI. New Business

A. Master Application Approval

1. Zone 1 – Brazos Co Pct 3; Robert Lee “Trey” Smith, III (BS, CD, GW)
2. Zone 1 – Gatesville FD: David Franklin Miller (BS, CD, BA)
3. Zone 1 – Gatesville FD: George Robert Walters (BS,CD,NM)

4. Zone 1 – TEEX-ESTI: Brad Robert Walters (BS, CD, GW)
5. Zone 2 – Bexar Co ESD 5: Gary Lynn Estep (EB, CD, BA)
6. Zone 3 – Bay City FD: Fred Gray Van Wie, III (FM, CD, BA)
7. Zone 6 – Harris Co ESD 48: Vincent Casanova Marino (GW, CD, BA)
8. Zone 6 – La Porte VFD: Jared Lee Henson (GW, CD, PD)
9. Zone 6 – Wild Peach FD: Ernest Richard Johnson, Jr. (GW, CD, AD)
10. Zone 9 – Ellis Co ESD 1/Maypearl FD: Ian Parker Kekoa Storm (BH, CD, GW)
11. Zone 9 – Terrell VFD: Donald Lloyd Lindsey (BH, PD, BA)
12. Zone 10 – Burkburnett VFD: Leonard Eugene Nauman (NM, CD, GW)
13. Zone 10 – Burkburnett VFD: Rodney Alan Ryalls (NM, CD, GW)
14. Zone 10 – Nocona VFD: Rusty Howard Henley (NM, CD, PD)
15. Zone 10 – Rhome VFD: Christopher Eric Jungst (NM, CD, PD)
16. Zone 12 – Ralls FD: William Ray Tidwell (GW, CB, CD)
17. Zone 17– Socorro VFD: Saul M. Pando, Jr. (GW, CB, CD)
18. Zone 18 – Cy-Fair FD: Christopher Wayne Chavez (AS, GW, CB)
19. Zone 18 – Cy-Fair FD: Jeffery Lance King (AD, CB, PD)
20. Zone 18 – Cy-Fair FD: Jonathan Reneau McMahan (AD, CB, PD)
21. Zone 18 – Klein FD: James ‘Aaron’ Connor (AD, CB, CD)

Motion made to approve as listed by Andy Dexter and seconded by Frankie Marcinkiewicz. Motion passed on a voice vote with no negative votes and one abstention, William Tidwell for obvious reasons.

B. Approval of Training Providers

Note:

While the vendors set up for presentation discussion about attendance of the Texas A&M Forest Service representative. When was the last time they showed up? Chair will follow up Texas A&M Forest Service.

1. Fathom Academy – Dr. Anita Greenberg

Dr. Greenberg provided presentation on their Swiftwater program.

Motion to approve made by Frankie Marcinkiewicz seconded by Brad Hargrove. Motion passed on a voice vote no negative votes.

2. Safe Rescue – Billy Morris

Training Manager Billy Morris provided presentation on their training.

Motion to approve made by Frankie Marcinkiewicz seconded by Patrick Dooley. Motion passed on a voice vote no negative votes.

C. Discussion of License Plate Eligibility – Gary Williams

Discussion of Texas Traffic Code pursuant to Certified Firefighter plates (504-513).

Questions have been - Can the plate transfer to a new vehicle? (believed to be yes). This may of changed with January 1, 2012 transportation code, Chair has not found any change.

How many sets per firefighter can you have? (Three).

Must provide a copy of certification, (SFFMA card is not valid for this use) and have the signature of the Zone Representative.

Need to request a clarification from DPS, Frankie Marcinkiewicz to take as action item.

- D. Discussion of nonprofit CFITrainer.net part of International Assoc. of Arson Investigators – Gary Williams

No company presentation provided. Chair read description of CFIT provided.

Motion to accept made by Frankie Marcinkiewicz seconded by Andy Dexter. Motion passed on a voice vote no negative votes.

VII. Announcements

A. Next Meeting:

July 22 2018 – 09:00am Reed Arena College Station

B. Other

Items requested for next agenda USFA NWCG driving Courses and Firefighter Training Network.

Certification Board job duties have been provided. Please review and provide feedback.

X. Adjourn 5:14pm